

News Release

National Wildlife Refuge System



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Owl Prowl Scheduled at Carolina Sandhills NWR

On Friday, November 21, 2014, Friends and staff of the Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge will host an Owl Prowl. What is an Owl Prowl? It is a nighttime tour of the refuge led by refuge staff that allows participants to legally spotlight for animals. Cotton wagons pulled by a farm tractor will travel through woodland and field sites throughout the refuge in search of animals that are normally active at night. Hopefully, our "spotlighters" may catch a glimpse of some of these animals including deer, opossums, owls, raccoons, and beavers. After the Prowl, the Friends will serve hot chocolate to warm everyone up!

The Prowl will meet at 5:30 pm at the **Lake Bee Recreation Area** of the Carolina Sandhills NWR, approximately 10 miles North of McBee on South Carolina Highway 145. The Prowl is open to the public and free of charge, **but reservations are required and the list will fill up fast!** The weather will be chilly, so dress in layers and bring a stadium blanket for added warmth and a pocket flashlight to help you guide your way at Lake Bee.

This event is NOT suitable for children under the age of 5 years old. To make reservations, please call the refuge office at (843)335-8350 or e-mail Patricia_McCoy@fws.gov. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to this event for all participants. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate should contact the refuge at the phone number or email listed above. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please contact us for assistance by close of business November 19.

Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1939, contains 46,000 acres of rolling sand hills dominated by the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem that provides for the needs of more than 300 species of wildlife and 800 species of plants! The refuge is open year-round for wildlife-dependent recreation, including fishing, wildlife observation, hunting, nature photography, hiking and environmental education programs and events. The Friends of Carolina Sandhills NWR is a group of citizens dedicated to supporting the role of the refuge in protecting and preserving the longleaf-wiregrass ecosystem; promoting the enjoyment and responsible use of the refuge by the public; and engaging in educational and civic activities to promote the refuge and wise stewardship of its resources.

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